# **Tempting Thursdays**

400 women show up and we can't let them all in," she said.

In Charlotte, there's only one other place where women can go to see a little beefcake
- Rick's Cabaret Unlike the women's revue, the men dance four days a week

Michelle said many club owners don't cater to women because there is a misconception that women don't tip.

Michelle isn't worried about that and hopes in the future to expand Temptation Thursdays to two shows

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**MADEA CREATOR** 

### Perry takes **success** to book

By Victoria Elmore THE CHARLOTTE POST

Growing up, did you have a politically incorrect neighborhood grandmother, a big woman with a



yelled at every-

Tyler Perry has given this woman Madea her

own stage in the book, "Don't Make a Black Woman Take Off Her Earrings'

Perry, 35, is a producer, actor, and composer. He took the nation by surprise when his plays "I Can Do Bad All By Myself," "Madea Goes to Jail," "Meet the Browns," and "Medea's Family Reunion," hit the stage. "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" grossed more than \$50 million in theatres, and \$2.4 million on DVD. "Madea" Mabel Simmons serves as narrator in Perry's book. Simmons claims her insight comes from her mother, Big Mabel Murphy, better known as "Medea Over the

Medea is a blunt woman who speaks openly about love, life, and relationships in the book of unrestrained comPAPER DOLL LOUNGE



#### Robinson's realism mirrors life hard moments

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librarian would sneak him into the white library on Saturday mornings before it opened North Carolina artist Talmade Moose and he say books that included paintings of black people by Thomas Eakins and Winslow Homer. When he works large in graphite, much about technique and surface I like Robin-Robinson, for example in "What Gun Control?," son better for the way he loves his subjects.

a drawing of a law official holding a knife and wearing several pistols reminds me of the

Robinson states that Andrew Wyeth is an early influence. However, where Wyeth is so

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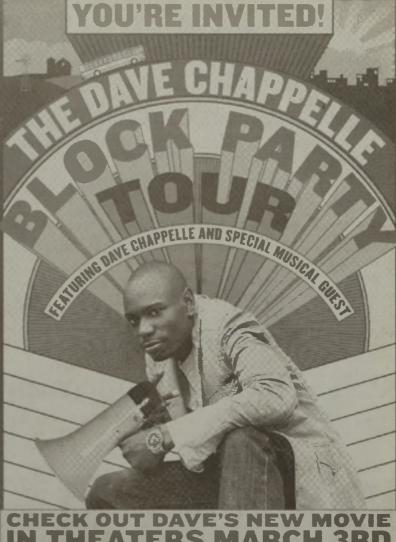
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## **COCA-COLA "STUDENTS" OF THE MONTH** The Frazier Triplets Seniors,

Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology



Riana Jina-JoNelle, Ryan John & Rodrick James

Our 17-vear old "Students of the Month," Riana, Ryan

and Rodrick Frazier, all aspire to maintain their status on the A-B Honor Roll at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology. Enrolled in AP classes, they admit that sometimes it's a difficult task, but worth it. The three possess the natural likenesses of most triplets, but still have very diverse personalities. Riana is outgoing, talkative and finds psychology is her best subject. To that end, she found being president of the freshman and sophomore class, and

F.B.LA. as well as being active on the student council great steps to future successes. Riana's college choices include North Carolina Central, Winston Salem-State and UNC Greensboro.

Rodrick on the other hand, is an organized, meticulous silent go-getter and a self-motivator. To his credit, he was accepted by Johnson & Wales as a junior to enter their college program his senior year. Rodrick's college choices include Johnson & Wales and UNC Greensboro.

Ryan is the studious one. It takes a bit more to motivate him, but he can ace a test with an "A." often without studying. He's not shy, but doesn't need a crowd to define who he is. Rvan's favorite subject is biology, and he's looking to have a career in medicine. His college choices are Chapel Hill

The triplets participated in Love of Learning at Davidson College. Even there Rodrick's self-motivating personality led him to volunteer as president of the parents association when no adults would. When not studying, Riana enjoys dancing, Rodrick delves into computer design and photography, and Ryan masters his PlayStation. Since the age of two, all have been water sports fanatics

Riana, Rodrick and Ryan are the youngest of Ron and Vonda Frazier's children. They have two older brothers. Ron, Jr. graduated with a law degree from Morehouse College, and is currently a branch manager for Bank of America, and Rashad graduated from Howard University with a degree in information technology, and is working with the family business, Alpha Alarms. The family attends Friendship Missionary Baptist Church where the triplets are very active teaching younger classes singing on choirs and attending Lott Carey conventions.

As independent as they each are, the triplets realize as a team they have an even more dynamic level of success together.

Best Wishes "Riana, Ryan & Rodrick" from Coca Cola Bottling Company Consolidated of Charlotte